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SUBJECT: SPACE COOPERATION-DESIGN CONTRACT FOR BROADCAST
SATELLITE AWARDED

REF: (A) TOKYO 14172, NOVEMBER 1, 1973

(B) TOKYO A-49

1. ON JANUARY 31, 1973, NATIONAL SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NASDA) ANNOUNCED AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO. LTD. (TOSHIBA) FOR BASIC DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTAL BROADCAST SATELLITE SLATED FOR LAUNCH IN 1976. TOSHIBA HAS PARTNERSHIP WITH GE. THE SUM OF CONTRACT IS 249,000,000 YEN (ABOUT 800,000 DOLLARS). PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR COMPLETION OF BASIC AND DETAILED DESIGN WORK BY END OF FY 1974. COMPETITORS TO GE-TOSHIBA TEAM WERE HUGHES-NEC AND TRW-MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CO. EXPECTATION IS THAT GE-TOSHIBA GROUP WILL ALSO RECEIVE FOLLOW ON AWARDS FOR DETAILED DESIGN AND FABRICATION. OVERALL PROJECT VALUE EXPECTED TO BE ON ORDER OF 45 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. YESTERDAY'S NASDA ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS ONE MADE LAST OCTOBER ON AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HUGHES-NEC GROUP FOR DESIGN OF GEOSTATIONARY METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE (GMS) WHICH NASDA PLANS TO LAUNCH IN FY 1976 (REF A). IN ADDITION TO THESE, NASDA ALSO PLANS
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TO LAUNCH EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE (ECS) IN FY 1976.

AWARD OF DESIGN CONTRACT FOR ECS IS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE.
AWARD OF BROADCAST SATELLITE PROJECT TO GE-TOSHIBA, FOLLOWING LAST
YEARS
AWARD OF GMS TO HUGHES-NEC LENDS CREDENCE TO PREDICTION THAT EACH OF
THREE COMPETING GROUPS WILL BE AWARDED ONE PROJECT. THUS,
COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE NOW LIKELY TO BE AWARDED TO TRW-MITSUBISHI
GROUP.

3. EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTRACT WAS FORECAST IN MEETING OF
SCICOUNS WITH SPACE ACTIVITIES COUNCIL ON JANUARY 30, WHICH BEING
REPORTED BY SEPARATE AIRGRAM. AT THIS TIME, SAC REQUESTED U.S.
ASSISTANCE IN REACHING EARLY DECISION ON EXPORT LICENSING FOR BOTH
BROADCAST AND COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES, SINCE PHASE C (DETAILED
DESIGN) OF THESE PROJECTS WILL BE COVERED BY FUNDS WHICH WILL LAPSE
AFTER END OF JAPAN FISCAL YEAR ON MARCH 30, 1974. SCICOUNS
RECOMMENDED THAT CONTRACTORS BE SELECTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
BE URGED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO OMC PROMPTLY.
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